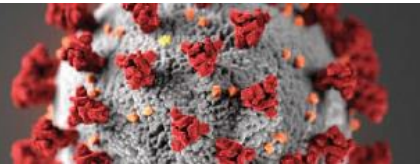




CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS



Saturday, March 14, 2020

Following is an update from the City of Fort Lauderdale on the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Be a Good Neighbor

We realize that the coronavirus is a fluid and rapidly evolving situation and it is understandable that many of our neighbors may feel anxious and concerned about the outbreak. We want to remind everyone that this is not a time for panic. It is a time for our community to come together and follow the advice of health experts by taking the necessary protective steps to help slow the spread of the virus. We encourage everyone to be well-prepared but to be mindful that there is no need to hoard groceries and supplies. Please be considerate of others. Buy what you need and leave some items on the shelves so that all of our neighbors have an opportunity to purchase the food and supplies they need for themselves, their families, and loved ones.

Department of Health Information

-Early this morning, the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) announced 25 new positive cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida, bringing the state's total to over 70 and the total cases in Broward County to 20. To see the latest data from the FDOH, visit www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19.

-Individuals with questions related to the coronavirus should call the Florida Department of Health's Coronavirus Call Center at 1-866-779-6121 which is available 24 hours a day seven days a week or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov. Individuals who are concerned that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should call 954-412-7300 before traveling to any health care facility.

-The Florida Department of Health recommends that anyone with travel plans be aware of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) travel advisories related to COVID-19 by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

City of Fort Lauderdale Information

-The City of Fort Lauderdale has put the following measures in place to protect the community and help slow the spread of the coronavirus. The following events and activities within the City of Fort Lauderdale are postponed through April 12, 2020:

- All meetings of the City Commission and City boards, including advisory and statutory boards, City committees, and City working groups;
- All Special Magistrate, Code Enforcement, Board of Adjustment, and Nuisance Abatement Board hearings;
- All homeowner association and civic association meetings conducted or held on City property;
- All City events and City-approved events; and
- All City recreational programs, facility rentals, pools, and organized sports leagues. (Please note: Parks facilities and community centers remain open during normal business hours; however, all programming is postponed)

-All organized public gatherings of greater than 250 persons are prohibited. Exemptions include land or facilities owned and managed by Broward County, the Broward County School Board, the North Broward Hospital District, the State of Florida, or the Federal Government, as well as hospitals and healthcare facilities.

-Every public place, building, and facility, including all businesses, restaurants, bars, and retail establishments within the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to have alcohol-based hand sanitizer at every entrance for use by patrons and employees upon entering and exiting.

-Aside from these measures, the City of Fort Lauderdale is maintaining its normal business operations.

-Neighbors are encouraged to utilize Fort Lauderdale's online services to conduct business without having to visit a City facility. Please visit [Lauderserv](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv), our 24-hour customer service portal at www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv for information about a variety of online services including utility billing, parking and transportation, code compliance, building permits, human resources, and more.

-We encourage everyone to remain vigilant, continue to monitor developments, practice proper hygiene and healthy habits, and continue to take proper preventative actions.

Broward County Information

-The Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office has announced that the Presidential Preference Primary Election on Tuesday, March 17 will proceed as scheduled. Steps are being taken to ensure proper hand sanitizing measures are in place at the polls. Before going out to vote, please check with the Broward Supervisor of Elections Office at www.browardsoe.org or 954-357-7050 for any changes to precinct voting locations.

-Broward County Public Schools will be closed from March 16 through March 27. For more information, please visit www.browardschools.com.

Governor Launches Help for Businesses

-Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has launched the Business Damage Assessment Survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin. To complete the survey, please visit <https://floridadisaster.biz>.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding coronavirus, please visit www.floridahealth.gov or www.cdc.gov or www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus.

To read the update on the City's website, please visit <http://bit.ly/38z5atX>.

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